

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Formal Matters

Claims 89-106 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-88 are canceled without prejudice.

New claims 89-106 are added. Support for these new claims is as follows:

New claim 1: original claim 32

New claim 2: original claim 34

New claim 3: original claim 35

New claim 4: original claims 36 and 38-41 combined

New claim 5: original claim 43

New claim 6: original claim 44

New claim 7: original claim 45

New claim 8: original claim 46

New claim 9: original claims 50 & 51 combined

New claim 10: original claim 52

New claim 11: original claim 53

New claim 12: original claim 55

New claim 13: original claim 67

New claim 14: original claim 75 + specification at page 29, lines 3-6

New claim 15: original claim 69

New claim 16: original claim 70

New claim 17: original claim 71

New claim 18: original claim 74

The specification is amended to enter the Sequence Listings.

Support for the amendment to the sequence of the CBD of IL-11R (SEQ ID NO:27) at page is found in Figure 5, row 27 (sequence named hIL11R_111-318).

No new matter has been added.

Certification Regarding Sequence Listing

I hereby certify that the enclosed Sequence Listing is being submitted under 37 CFR §§ 1.821(c) and (e) in paper and computer readable form (Compact Disk labeled 'CRF').

As required by 37 CFR 1.821(f), I hereby state that the content of the paper and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(c) and (e) are the same. The Computer Readable Format (CRF), being submitted under 37 CFR §§ 1.52(e) and 1.824, is formatted on IBM-PC, the operating system compatibility is MS-Windows and the file listing is:

Seqlist.txt 153 KB created June 15, 2006.

I hereby certify that the enclosed submission includes no new matter. The Sequence Listing was prepared with the software FASTSEQ, and conforms to the Patent Office guidelines. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject application is in adherence to 37 CFR §§ 1.821-1.825.

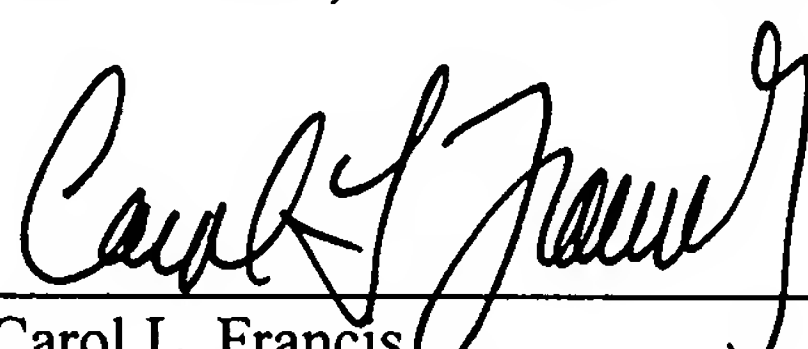
Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number RICE-048.

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